PREFACE

In this thesis I have used the *Watermill Classic* edition of Nathaniel Hawthorne’s *The Scarlet Letter* (Canada : Watermill Press, 1983), as the mother text for reference and citation. Other major texts that I have followed include John Updike’s *A Month of Sundays* (New York: Knopf, 1975), *Roger’s Version* (New York: Knopf, 1986) and *S* (New York: Knopf, 1988).

The page numbers have been indicated within parentheses. The notes and references cited have been documented numerically in superscribed form at the end of each chapter under the heading – “Notes and References”. The Select Bibliography appears at the end of this thesis. In this thesis I have followed the MLA style.

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